making any use of this communication which you think expedient.

I am truly yours.

R B Hall

Rev A. A. Phelps

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Dear brother:

A severe inflammation of my eyes, has debarred me from the use of my pen for a few days past & I now avail myself as you see of the kindness of another to prosecute what I have begun. I can only reply to your questions in general terms, as I have long since forgotten Garrison's phraseology.

On the occasion to which you refer upon my taking exception to Stantons political resolutions he did "take me to task right roundly," & "denounced" me "on the spot as recreant to the abolition cause". Whether he used the words that political action was "the sheet anchor" or "right arm" of the abolition enterprise I do not precisely remember, but I am sure that the idea was vehemently inculcated. It is due to Mr Garrison to say that he did not advocate the organization of abolitionists as a distinct political party; but without if, or ~~but~~ and he did strenuously assert and maintain that no man could be a good abolitionist unless he was prepared to engage in political action. I will state further that he reproached me as a signer of the declaration with inconsistency in opposing political action.

I am ~~truly~~ yours

Of course I have no objection to your